

IN THE CLAIMS:

33. (Amended Once) In an electric conductor having a coating layer with the property of strippability so that it can be stripped from said electric conductor, a method [Method] for controlling [the] said strippability of [a] said coating layer from [an] said electric conductor, the electrical insulation properties of said [cable] coating being kept constant after exposure to moisture, [this] said method comprising adding to a polymeric composition forming said coating layer a predetermined amount of a polyolefinic compound, which contains at least one unsaturation and at least one [carboxy] carboxyl group in the polymer chain.

**REMARKS**

Applicants request that the Examiner enter and consider the foregoing amendments preliminary to an examination of the application on the merits.